

Easy Ways to Save Water

- Turn off the faucet while washing, brushing teeth or shaving.
- Take shorter showers.
- Install high efficiency toilets and showerheads, as well as water flow restrictors.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Wash full laundry and dish loads.



- Check toilets, pipes and faucets for leaks.
- Check sprinkler systems and timing devices to ensure they are operating properly.

- Install a rain sensor that will shut off your sprinkler system when it rains.
- Use a household timer to remind you to shut off your sprinklers if you don't have an automatic timer.
- Don't use the hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Use a broom.
- Install an automatic hose shut-off nozzle.

In the City of Fort Lauderdale, the "average" resident uses approximately 229 gallons of water per day.

Year-round water conservation benefits

- Reduces wasteful habits
- Smart thing to do and saves money
- Helps stretch water supplies through drier months
- Helps avoid water shortage mandatory restrictions

For more information please call:

City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department
24-hour Customer Service Center (954) 828-8000
www.fortlauderdale.gov

South Florida Water Management District
Water Conservation Hotline (800) 662-8876
www.sfwmd.gov/conserve



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...water conservation starts in your own backyard!



Florida's Water
It's Worth Saving





Rainfall is Broward County's primary source for replenishing our limited fresh water supply, with the connected Everglades and Lake Okeechobee serving as backup sources during the dry season. With

2006 rainfall levels at about a foot below average, water conservation is especially critical during this dry season (November through May). Help protect our water resources and prevent mandatory or more severe water ordinances or restrictions in the future by conserving water today.

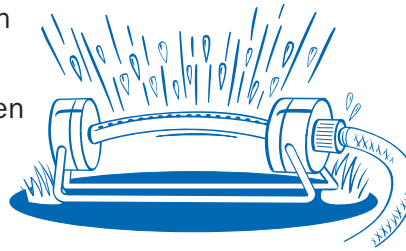
Wanted!

Fort Lauderdale Water Savers

The City of Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with the South Florida Water Management District, is calling upon each Fort Lauderdale resident and business owner to help conserve water and protect our environment. By practicing simple water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to save water, everyone can make a difference. Start conserving today, and encourage your friends and family to do the same because our water is worth saving!

How to "Drought-Proof" Your Lawn

- Water your lawn between the hours of 4-8 a.m. to reduce evaporation.
- Water lawns no more than once weekly in the winter and twice weekly in the summer.
- Water only when lawn shows signs of wilt.
- Don't water before, during or after rainfall.
- Keep mower blades sharp and raise the blade to the highest setting.
- Don't fertilize until the summer when it rains more often.
- Xeriscape (landscape) with native, drought-resistant plants, grasses, shrubs and trees.
- Use mulch to retain soil moisture.



Approximately 50 percent of all available drinking water is used outside, often wastefully, due to excessive watering of lawns and gardens.

Want to Save More Water? Call for a FREE Irrigation System Assessment Today!

To learn how to save more water outdoors, call the Broward Mobile Irrigation Laboratory for a free irrigation system assessment.

A lab representative will evaluate your system and provide a written report with water saving recommendations upon completion.

The service is available for single-family homes, condominiums, homeowners associations, businesses, parks and schools. Properties must be less than 10 acres in size.

For more information or to make an appointment, call **954-584-1306** or **954-873-7594**.

The easiest way to start saving water is to simply turn off your automatic sprinkler system and operate your system manually!

Reducing irrigation helps to:

- Reduce runoff of fertilizer and pesticides
- Reduce soil erosion
- Increase crop production
- Lower energy costs
- Reduce plant diseases

